



Across

- 1 Port in southern Lebanon on the Mediterranean Sea; formerly a major Phoenician seaport famous for silks (4)
- 3 Italian physicist noted for his work on gases; proposed what has come to be known as his law (1776-1856) (8)
- 9 American physicist who theorised about the extinction of the dinosaurs (7)
- 10 Semi-arid region south of the Sahara desert (5)
- 11 Pompous reactionary cartoon character created by Sir David Low (7,5)
- 13 Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained (6)
- 15 Member of the nomadic Ugrian people living in northwestern Siberia (east of the Urals) (6)
- 17 A Carthusian monastery (12)
- 20 Italian violin maker in Cremona; taught the craft to Guarneri and Stradivari (1596-1684) (5)
- 21 British long-distance runner who won gold medals in the Olympic games for both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres in 2012 (2,5)

Down

- 1 British stateswoman; first woman to serve as Prime Minister (born in 1925) (8)
- 2 French composer and exponent of Impressionism (1875-1937) (5)
- 4 Hungarian hunting dog resembling the Weimaraner but having a rich deep red coat (6)
- 5 Association of people united by commitment to a common cause (12)
- 6 Country on western coast of Africa; formerly under French control (7)
- 7 Capital and largest city of Norway; the country's main port; located at the head of a fjord on Norway's southern coast (4)
- 8 Orange-flavoured French liqueur (5,7)
- 12 Former name for Simferopol (2-6)
- 14 Son of Abraham who was cast out after the birth of Isaac; considered the forebear of 12 Arabian tribes (7)
- 16 Type of industrial waste resulting from alumina processing (3,3)
- 18 One of the two branches of the family of languages spoken in Hungary and northwestern Siberia (5)
- 19 English essayist (1775-1834) (4)

- 22** Capital and largest city of Serbia and Montenegro; situated on the Danube (8)
- 23** Member of a Gaelic speaking people of Ireland and later, also of Argyllshire (4)